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For: SEMICONDUCTIVE DEVICES AND METHODS FOR SAME

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Amendment under 37 CFR 111

Dear Sir:

This response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2001 as supplemented by the Interview Summary mailed February 27, 2002 is accompanied a petition to extend the response period by three months until June 20, 2002.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend the following claims to read as shown:

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40. (Twice Amended) A semiconductor device comprising a field effect transistor having an interface between a semiconductive silicon layer and a gate insulating layer, structurally characterized by the presence of deuterium at said interface resulting from post-fabrication passivation of said interface in a heated, deuterium gas-enriched atmosphere at a temperature of about 200°C to about 1000°C